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SUBJECT: PAN AFRICAN AIR INDUSTRIES (PAAI)

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1. PAAI WON BIDDING FOR BELFAST AIRCRAFT BEING SOLD BY BRITISH
GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, PAAI MUST PROVIDE PAYMENT WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS.
PAAI PLANS TO PAY FOR AIRCRAFT WITH FIVE MILLION DOLLAR LOAN FROM
CHARTERHOUSE JAPBET LTD. WHICH WILL BE GRANTED, ACCORDING TO
ROBERTSON, WHEN PAAI CONVENTION HAS BEEN RATIFIED, APPROPRIATE
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PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN SIGNED, AND GOUV HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED TEN
MILLION DOLLAR LOAN FROM BADEA.

2. GOUV RATIFICATION WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT
THE 22 DECEMBER MEETING OF GOUV COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. HOW-
EVER, DUE TO LACK OF PREPARATION BY MINISTER OF PLAN, MATTER

WAS NOT CONSIDERED AFTER ALL.

3. ROBERTSON SENT CABLE ON 23 DECEMBER TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND FIVE MINISTERS INFORMING THEM THAT PAAI WON BIDDING ON AIRCRAFT AND ASKING THEM TO EXPEDITE ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE LOAN FROM CHARTERHOUSE JAPHET LTD.

4. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO URGE GOUV ACTION ON THIS. IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS NO OPPOSITION IN THE CABINET TO THE PAAI DEAL AND THAT IT IS SIMPLY A MATTER OF GETTING THE VARIOUS COGS IN THE GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY TO TURN IN TIME.

5. FOR LONDON: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INQUIRING IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF AN EXTENSION OF THE FOURTEEN DAY DEADLINE IN VIEW OF THE HOLIDAY PERIOD THAT IS UPON US. AGAIN, WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE NECESSARY PAPERS WILL BE FORTHCOMING, BUT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO GET EVERYTHING DONE IN THE NEXT FOURTEEN DAYS.
GRAHAM

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